Remarks

Applicant has amended claim 21 as noted above; no new matter has been added.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 112, First Paragraph

The Examiner rejected claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as not enabled for tumors and autoimmune diseases.

Applicant has deleted from claim 21 the methods of treatment directed to tumors and autoimmune diseases.

Accordingly, in view of the amendment of claim 21, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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